



STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

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RE: Grievance Complaint #04-0948, Pinzon v. Biro

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(a), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline* (hereinafter "*Conditional Admission*") filed April 5, 2005 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Conditional Admission*, the *Affidavit* of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(c) and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(a) on April 5, 2005, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Conditional Admission*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Conditional Admission* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The Respondent is reprimanded.

Reviewing committee member Attorney David Channing was not available for the April 5, 2005 hearing. The Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent waived the participation of Attorney Channing in the consideration and decision of the *Conditional Admission*. Accordingly, the matter was considered and decided by the undersigned.

So ordered.

cc: Georgina R. Pinzon
Attorney Stephen J. Conover

DECISION DATE: 5/13/05

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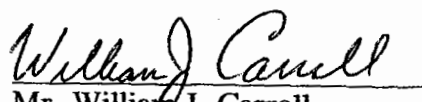
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Attorney Margarita Moore

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Mr. William J. Carroll

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GRIEVANCE NO. 04-0890

Georgina Rosas Pignon
ROBERT J. PIGNON

Complainant

SUPERIOR COURT

J. D. OF WATERBURY

Vs.

Steven Bird

AT WATERBURY

APRIL 5, 2004

Respondent

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION AND AGREEMENT AS TO DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(a), the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant Statewide Grievance Committee on March 3, 2004.
2. On January 12, 2004 the local Grievance Panel for the Stamford/Norwalk ~~Waterbury~~ Judicial District found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Rules 1.15 and 8.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Section 2-27 of the Connecticut Practice Book arising from his failure to diligently represent the Complainant in a civil case. 1.4, 3.2
and
8.4(3)
3. The Respondent has tendered a conditional admission of fact in accordance with his affidavit attached hereto, admitting the material facts of the complaint.
4. The Conditional Admission admits the conduct in question and also admits that his conduct constituted a breach of the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Connecticut Practice Book
5. Respondent has one other disciplinary matter pending before the court. In Docket No. CV-04-0184655, a presentment filed on April 26, 2004, which is Judicial District of Waterbury.
6. Respondent has been admitted to practice since 1974.

7. Disciplinary Counsel has agreed to recommend to the court that the matter be resolved with some form of discipline beyond the authority of the Statewide Grievance Committee. *Issue a reprimand for a violation of Rule 1.4(a).*

8. Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that nothing in this Conditional Admission shall be construed to limit the Respondent's right to present evidence or argument of explanation or mitigation on the issue of the form of discipline to be imposed by the court.

9. A copy of the Conditional Admission and Affidavit has been sent to the Complainant, *Robert Maringola.* *hand-delivered.*

WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the court for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82 (a). *Statewide Grievance Committee*

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

4/5/05
Date

By:

Patricia King
Patricia King
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

Respondent *unavailable*

4/5/05
Date

By:

Steven G. M. Bire
Steven G. M. Bire

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GRIEVANCE NO. 04-0690 : SUPERIOR COURT
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL : J. D. OF WATERBURY
Complainant
V. Steven Biro : AT WATERBURY
Respondent : APRIL 5, 2005

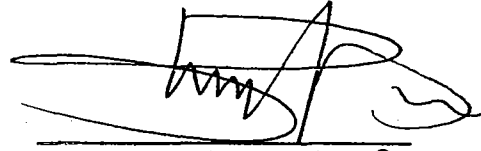
AFFIDAVIT OF RESPONDENT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
COUNTY OF) 5 April ,2005

I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath. Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(a), I state as follows:

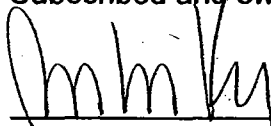
1. I hereby acknowledge that discipline beyond the authority of the Statewide Grievance Committee is the form of discipline recommended by the Disciplinary Counsel as described in the attached Conditional Admission in connection with Grievance Complaint No. ~~04-0690~~ 04-0948
2. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this complaint and I hereby waive those rights by entering into the attached Agreement.
3. I have not been subject to either coercion or duress, I am fully aware of the implications of this Affidavit and the Conditional Admission. My conditional admission and consent to the form of recommended discipline are knowingly, freely and voluntarily submitted.
4. I am aware that there is presently pending Grievance No. 04-0690, a disciplinary proceeding in which probable cause was found, and I agree that there are grounds for professional discipline based on my failure to diligently defend a civil case and my failure to advise my client as to the status of the case. ~~prosecute~~ 0948
5. I acknowledge that the material facts set forth in the probable cause notice are true, and that these facts are sufficient to prove by clear and convincing evidence that I violated Rules 1.3 and 1.4 (a) and (b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

6. I make this admission freely and voluntarily, ~~and with the assistance of counsel.~~
7. I understand that the Disciplinary Counsel intends to ^{recommend} ~~seek a form of~~ ^{that} ~~discipline beyond the authority~~ of the Statewide Grievance Committee. *order a reprimand.*
8. I ~~further understand and agree with the Disciplinary Counsel that~~ nothing in this Affidavit or Conditional Admission shall limit my right to ~~present any argument regarding explanation or mitigation with regard to the form of discipline to be imposed by the court.~~
9. The foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Steven G. M. Biro

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of Apr. /, 2005.



Commissioner of the Superior Court
Notary Public